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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the office action dated May 8, 2001, hereinafter "the Office Action", Applicants present the following Amendment and remarks. In the Office Action, a three-month period for response was set, making this Amendment due by August 8, 2001.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 17. Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 16, and 18. For convenience in examination, all pending claims are set forth below.

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1. (Thrice Amended) A method for providing an automated call connection system comprising the steps of:
a first user contacting a call server;

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